

Judge Douglas died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The news of his death was received with unfeigned sorrow throughout the country, and everywhere spontaneous demonstrations of

so. Better temporarily pocket an insult, or even overlook a wrong, while we devote every energy, every musket, to the life-and-death struggle which has been forced upon us, and push it to an early conclusion. That point gained, we shall then be in position to overhaul and settle up any little accounts which may have accumulated in the interim. But to enlarge the circle of our enemies under present circumstances would never answer. It would immensely encourage and strengthen our Secession traitors, raising them in a moment from the depths of despair to the summit of confidence and sanguine hope. It would destroy at a word our blockade of their ports, and probably turn the tables upon us by insuring the blockade of our own. It would sweep our commerce from the seas, and secure a clomp, unobstructed transit of Southern staples to the

We think it quite probable that our Government has protested against the absorption of Dominica by Spain, and quite natural that she should do so, just as a lawyer in trying a case might take exception to the ruling of the Court that did not favor his client. When we come to make some future acquisition, Spain will be at perfect liberty to return the compliment; but in neither case will there be any result more formidable than an exchange of solemn or spiny diplomatic notes. Let not, then, the chief traitors now devouring Eastern Virginia lay to their souls the flattering notion that they are to be aided by any embroilment of our country with European Powers. There is no such good luck in store for

How surprised this great country! Why were men in forts and ten camps surrendered to rebels and the flag of the Union hauled down from every military post and station in the Department? Why, above all, were cannon, and arms, and horses, and wagons, means of transportation, and munitions of war, "turned over" by officers of the United States to the enemies of the Government without a sword drawn or gun fired in their defense? Is there no such thing as military duty or fidelity to this Government? These are questions to which Congress must demand an answer and a speedy one, if no other branch of the Government will notice them. Astonished by the shameful sight of Commodores burning, and unskillfully burning, our own noble ships and great navy-yards; confused and hurried along by the swift current of treason and rebellion, the public mind has not yet been able to grasp or comprehend the momentous transactions in Texas. But the presence at Washington of Col. Waite and other officers who played parts in these transactions, will compel the Government to probe and understand this Texas mystery. Why was all the public property in the Department of Texas "turned over" as military spoil to rebels? National honor, national safety, national justice demands explanation of this mystery. It is said the officers "were betrayed into the hands of the enemy by General Twiggs." He was broke, dismissed from the army, for "treachery to the flag of his country." No one denies or doubts this guilt. But how the treachery of Twiggs could have accomplished anything without the aid of others, remains to be explained. Twiggs's order was made on the 15th day of February. But mark the facts, that on the very next day, the 16th of February, he was superseded by Colonel Waite, who, by order of the War Department, assumed the command; that all three of the principal officers, Major Vinton, Major Machin, and Captain Whately acted as a joint commission with the rebel commissioners to settle the terms of the surrender; that when Colonel Waite took command, nothing had been delivered up, and no movement had been made; and it was as well known at San Antonio as at Washington that the order of Twiggs was "treachery to the flag of his country." From the President in the White House, to the root-digger Indian, is there any being so low in the scale of human intellect as not to know and feel that the order of Twiggs was "treachery to the flag?" How, then, came that order to be obeyed after Twiggs had been superseded?

It is also pretended that the troops "were

Several statements have appeared in the papers to the effect that different parties have been ordered the command made vacant by the death of the lamented Col. Ellsworth, of the Fire Zouaves. To set this matter at rest, we state that Owen W. Brennan, esq., received yesterday a request to the Governor, signed by all the officers of the regiment, asking the appointment of Colonel of Lieut.-Col. NOAH L. FARNHAM, Ellsworth's second in command. It is in every respect a fit appointment. There is no truer soldier or better officer in the army.

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